THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no such proposal to pay unemployment allowance to unemployed persons according to their education. The payment of unemployment allowance to unemployed persons would divert substantial resources from development programmes to a non-development activity. The resource of such a magnitude should better be used for development activities, which would generate substantial productive employment.

Misuse of funds meant for poor under NREG

974. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about funding of records and pilfering of funds meant for poor under NREG Scheme in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-implementation and waste of public money of NREG works in districts Chitrakoot, Jaunpur, Chandauli, etc. of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the name and designation of officer from Rural Ministry, Government of India who is supposed to look into monitoring and vigilance aspects in NREG funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received about alleged pilfering of funds meant for NREGS in the districts of Uttar Pradesh. These complaints have been forwarded to the State Government for examination, necessary action and report to the Ministry. Report from the State Government is awaited.

(c) Monitoring and Vigilance aspects of NREG funds are looked into by the NREGA Division in the Ministry of Rural Development.

Non-utilization of funds under TSC

975. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints about non-utilisation/misappropriation of funds allocated for construction of toilets under Total Sanitation Campaign;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) No complaint has been received by the Ministry of Rural Development about non-utilization or misappropriation of funds released under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). To improve the pace of utilization and implementation of the programme, the progress of expenditure is regularly monitored as part of the regular reviews in the form of Monthly Progress Reports, Quarterly Review Meetings with States and the Annual State Ministers Conference. Also, the implementation is checked by Review Mission constituted either by State or Centre, prior to further release of funds under the programme.